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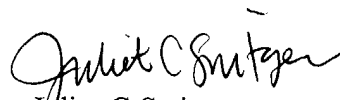
The reply brief filed 6/1/04 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

It is noted that the examiner's statement on page 17 where she writes that appellants argue "that the art is highly unpredictable" is a typographical error. The examiner should have written that appellant argues that the art is predictable.


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